



COMMITTEE of the WHOLE

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

October 13, 2008

5:00 P.M.

Council Office

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

M. Goodman-Hinnershitz, J. Waltman, D. Sterner, V. Spencer, S. Marmarou, M. Baez, S. Fuhs

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

L. Kelleher, S. Katzenmoyer, R. Hottenstein, T. McMahon, C. Kanezo, C. Younger, D. Hoag, C. Jones, D. Binder

Vaughn Spencer, President of Council, called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

I. Executive Session

Council entered into executive session at 5:15 pm to discuss litigation issues.
Council exited executive session at 6:30 pm.

II. Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance Amendment

Mr. Spencer reviewed the background of the amendment.

Mr. Waltman noted that the vendors are located where they are not wanted and there are too many close together. He noted the positive effects of competition.

Ms. Baez noted her belief that small businesses should not be limited. She noted her hope that vendors would be allowed in all Council districts, not only downtown.

Ms. Kelleher reminded Council that the ordinance is already in effect as is. The amendment increases the number allowed from 10 to 15 and increases the area in which they are allowed. She also explained the process for vendors to apply to be in areas other than the downtown.

Mr. Spencer questioned why the number of vendors was being increased when the City cannot control those already in existence. Ms. Katzenmoyer and Mr. Hottenstein explained that they are being overseen by Codes and that Mr. Reinhart has been involved in the amendment process. Ms. Kelleher explained the problems with vendors running extension cords to obtain electric service.

Mr. Spencer questioned the location of vendors on private property. Mr. Hottenstein explained that these vendors need to follow zoning requirements. Ms. Baez relayed an example of a vendor who went to Zoning and was turned away. Mr. Hottenstein noted that he will be speaking with Zoning.

Mr. Fuhs noted his hope that the entire ordinance be reviewed. He noted that there should be more areas available for vendors besides the downtown. He also noted his hope that they not be located on Lancaster Ave.

Mr. Sterner noted that this amendment has come through the Public Safety Committee and has their support.

Mr. Fuhs suggested that the vendors be invited to address this amendment. Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz suggested that restaurant owners also be invited as vendors could take business away.

Mr. Spencer suggested an ad hoc committee be formed and a report made to the Committee of the Whole.

III. Agenda Review

Council reviewed the agenda for this evening's meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

By: _____
Linda A. Kelleher, City Clerk